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TEXT FOLLOWS OF AMB SCALI'S FEB 27 STATEMENT TO SECURITY
COUNCIL ON CYPRUS:

MR. PRESIDENT:

THE COUNCIL MEETS TODAY TO CONSIDER HOW TO REVIVE
AND ENCOURAGE MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE ON CYPRUS. TO DATE,
PROGRESS TOWARD THIS GOAL HAS NOT MET HOPES AND
EXPECTATIONS OF THIS COUNCIL WHEN IT ENDORSED THE TALKS
BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON THE ISLAND TWO MONTHS AGO.

THE EFFORTS ON CYPRUS TO ACHIEVE A MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT ARE ESSENTIALLY THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE PARTIES THEMSELVES. NEVERTHELESS, THE SECURITY
COUNCIL HAS HAD AN IMPORTANT INTEREST IN ENCOURAGING
THEM. THUS, IN JULY OF LAST YEAR, FOLLOWING THE
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OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING ON THE ISLAND, THIS COUNCIL

ACHIEVED A CEASEFIRE, CREATED A FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA AND ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE THESE TALKS. IN AUGUST, FOLLOWING THE BREAK-DOWN OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, THE COUNCIL ENDORSED CONTACTS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS REPRESENTATIVE. WE URGED THAT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS DEAL NOT ONLY WITH IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN ISSUES BUT WITH POLITICAL PROBLEMS AS WELL.

IN NOVEMBER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESOLUTION 3212 COMMENDED THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, AND CALLED FOR THEIR CONTINUATION WITH A VIEW TO REACHING FREELY A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. THE ASSEMBLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM OF CYPRUS IS THE CONCERN OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES. THE SECURITY COUNCIL ENDORSED THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION IN DECEMBER. FINALLY, THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD IN WHICH THESE TALKS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED, THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THROUGH HIS ABLE REPRESENTATIVE IN NICOSIA, AMBASSADOR WECKMANN, HAS PROVIDED EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THEIR SUCCESS.

THESE ACTIONS PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CYPRUS. HAVING SEEN ESTABLISHED A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE, WE REGRET ANY UNILATERAL ACTION SUCH AS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FEDERATED TURKISH STATE ON CYPRUS, WHICH COMPLICATES THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION.

THUS, MY GOVERNMENT STATED ON FEBRUARY 13 THAT "THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THE ACTION THAT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED TODAY. WE SUPPORT THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, AND HAVE SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE UNILATERAL ACTIONS BY EITHER SIDE THAT WOULD COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY EVENTUAL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND THROUGH A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION, A PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER WAY"

SECRETARY KISSINGER ADDED ON THE SAME DAY THAT THE "UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS" AND THAT "THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION."

WE BELIEVE THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS HAVE PLAYED AND CONTINUE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN FACILITATING THE EFFORTS OF THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. WE ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 21 TO THE COUNCIL THAT HE IS PREPARED TO FACILITATE THE CONTINUATION OF THE TALKS UNDER NEW CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES, THIS PROVIDES LEGITIMATE HOPE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS. WE URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND TURKEY -- TWO ALLIES WHOM WE VALUE -- AND THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS -- WITH WHICH WE HAVE HAD LONG AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP -- TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE TIMELY INITIATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

IN OUR DELIBERATIONS THUS FAR, WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE SERIOUS CHARACTER OF THE DEBATE WHICH REFLECTS A SOBER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPLEXITY AND DELICACY OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT THE PARTIES AND THE COUNCIL.

THE DISCUSSION IN THIS CHAMBER HAS GONE FORWARD IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH DEMONSTRATES RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL FACT THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A REALISTIC DIALOGUE WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEALS WITH THE CRITICAL PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED IN THE SEARCH FOR A RESOLUTION WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE AND FURTHER THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS. THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED

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TO COOPERATE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE AND FORMULATE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE BOTH TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

I WISH TO REAFFIRM EMPHATICALLY THAT THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IS IN A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN THIS COUNCIL AND IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BASED ON JUSTICE, DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A SOLUTION CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY FREE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, NOT BY DICTATION FROM THE OUTSIDE.

WE CALL ON ALL CONCERNED TO REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS APPROACH AND TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO SUCH A SOLUTION.

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